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CIGARETTE PLANTS IN NORTHEAST ADOPT NEW FERMENTATION METHOD;
HANGCHOW MATCH FACTORY INCREASES PRODUCTION AFTER CONVERSION

SOVIET FERMENTATION METHOD USED -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 11 Oct 53

The Ch'ang-ch'un, Harbin, and Mukden cigarette manufacturing plants are now employing the Soviet high-temperature fermentation method to ferment tobacco leaves used in the manufacture of cigarettes. This process, which treats the tobacco leaves in 50-degree temperature, was first tried in July 1952 and successfully adopted in January 1953. The high-temperature fermentation method causes the tobacco leaves to ferment in 9-15 days or in just 1/40 the time required previously.

MATCH PRODUCTION SHOWS 200 PERCENT INCREASE -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 28 Oct 53

Production at the Hangchow Match Factory in 1953 increased 200 percent over 1946. The cost of production decreased 17 percent over 1952. The Hangchow Match factory was converted to its present private publicly operated operation in May 1951. It was originally established in 1946 and was known as the Chien-hua Match Factory.

Taking the monthly wage income of the workers in this plant in 1951 as 100, the figure for 1952 was 140.7 and for September 1953, 210.

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